

in the supply of spare parts for Soviet manufactured equipment etc. These issues are being taken up with the Soviet authorities.

(c) The following steps are presently being taken to expedite the timely implementation of these projects:-

- (i) Indigenisation of spare parts to the extent possible is being undertaken.
- (ii) Major assemblies/sub-assemblies in Soviet manufactured equipment are being planned to be replaced with indigenously manufactured assemblies.
- (iii) Direct contacts with Soviet manufacturers are being made to obtain critical spares instead of limiting it to the Trading Houses of Govt. of USSR with which Coal India Ltd. had been dealing earlier.
- (iv) Parallel arrangements for procuring future equipment for these projects from other sources are also being made as felt necessary.

Development of Coal Mines in Madhya Pradesh

2316. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government for development of coal and other mines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has approached the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Development of coal mines in Madhya Pradesh and other States is taken up progressively to increase production for meeting the projected demand. Projects are planned/formulated by the coal companies based on projected demand on the coalfield, development plan, techno-economic feasibility, prospects of establishing coal production etc. The present level of coal production in Madhya Pradesh is 65.36 million tonnes (1990-91). According to present projects coal production is expected to be over 77 million tonnes by 1996-97 in Madhya Pradesh.

The Ministry has received requests from Government of Madhya Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for coal linkage for Bina and Raigarh TPS from Singrauli and Mand-Raigarh coal-field respectively. Coal linkages are decided by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) on Thermal Power Stations after these Power Projects are included by the Planning Commission in the 5 year Plans.

Losses to BCCL in Selling of Coal

2317. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. has suffered losses in selling of coal;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the finding thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e). During 1989-90 before adjustment for Coal Price Regulation

Account (CPRA) Bharat Coal Ltd. (BCCL) showed a loss of Rs. 282.53 crores. After adjustment of CPRA and prior period adjustment BCCL showed a profit of Rs. 51.33 crores. The accounts for 1990-91 are yet to be finalised. The main reasons for losses in BCCL are predominance of high cost underground mines, difficult mining conditions, exhaustion of reserves and large work-force. In addition, frequent interruptions in power supply disrupt production.

Following steps are being taken for improving performance and reducing the losses of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

1. Rationalisation of manpower.
2. Redeployment of manpower.
3. Training for skill up liftmen.
4. Voluntary retirement scheme.
5. Improving productivity.
6. Increasing production of superior grades of coal, wherever available.
7. Intensive monitoring of identified mines.
8. Segregation of feeder lines and uninterrupted power supply.

An enquiry in these issues is not considered necessary.

Petroleum and Natural Gas Products in UP

2318. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the petroleum and natural gas related projects and schemes for

Uttar Pradesh pending with the Union Government for approval;

(b) the action taken so far in each case; and

(c) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). There are three project proposals as under:-

- (i) Setting up of Auraiya Gas Cracker,
- (ii) Installation of a new Catalytic reformer unit of 500 TMTA capacity at Mathura refinery; and
- (iii) N-Paraffin project with a capacity of 1,40,000 MTPA in Mathura refinery.

All these proposals are at different stages of processing.

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Contract Labourers of BSP

2319. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of regular works in the Bokaro Steel Plant which are being got done on contract basis;

(b) whether the contract labourers are being provided the wages and facilities earmarked under the Factory Act;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to